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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on June 30, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

The amendment does not comply with the regulations. Specifically, the amendment to claim 11 is improper because the word "spring" has been bracketed. This word was deleted by certificate of correction and therefore is not in the patented claims (see paper no. 3 for a correct version of patent claim 11).

Additionally, the rest of the amendment does not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(c) because there appears to be no explanation of where support for the changes made to the claims is to be found in the original disclosure.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). It is respectfully noted that if the proper amendment format is not followed, amendments will not be entered, and any future failure to comply with the regulation that occurs in this application may result in a holding that the amendment is not a *bona fide* attempt to reply to the outstanding Office action.

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2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers Technology Center 3700 are: after-final responses - (703)872-9303; other formal/official papers - (703)872-9302. The fax number for informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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